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15 In the Specification:

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SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

DATA TRANSFER METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a data transfer method and to an appropriate system for topping up a prepaid electronic credit over a data and telecommunication network.

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